CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION Management Bulletin No. 98-118 Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program and December 1998 TO: ISSUE DATE: School Breakfast Program County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools **Food Service Directors** ATTENTION: **School Nutrition Programs** FROM: Numbers of Free/Reduced Price Eligible Children for Title I in Provision 2 and Provision SUBJECT: 3 Schools

This management bulletin transmits All Points Bulletin (APB) SP-99-06 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). The APB addresses the issue of a school's eligibility for Title I funding when it participates in the National School Lunch Program's Provision 2 or Provision 3 reimbursement claiming alternatives.

Title I is an enrichment program that allocates funds to local education agencies based on the level of poverty in a school's attendance area. One of the criteria for measuring poverty is the percentage of students approved for free or reduced price meals. Schools using Provision 2 or Provision 3 do not collect free and reduced price meal eligibility information on an annual basis. In consultation with the U.S. Department of Education, FNS has determined that schools using Provision 2 or Provision 3 may use their base year percentages of free, reduced price, and paid students for purposes of applying for Title I funding throughout subsequent years of the Provision 2 or Provision 3 cycle.

A copy of APB SP-99-06 is on the reverse. If you have any questions, please contact your School Nutrition Program Analyst at (916) 445-0850 or toll free at (800) 952-5609.

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